

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle crashes killed three children under the age of four and injured 142 children in South Dakota in 1988; and,

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children over six months old in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of the crippling of children in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota, as well as all other states and the District of Columbia, has enacted a law requiring the use of child passenger protection systems; and,

WHEREAS, A 1987 Office of Highway Safety survey found only 25 percent of children under five years of age were protected by an occupant restraint while traveling South Dakota roads; and,

WHEREAS, Research shows that the correct use of child passenger protection devices is 70 percent effective in preventing death and 67 percent effective in preventing injury;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of February 12 through 18, 1989, as

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota, and urge all citizens to observe the week by correctly restraining their own children in safety seats whenever in a vehicle and by working to increase the correct usage of child safety seats throughout the state.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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JOYCE HAZELTIME, SECRETARY OF STATE